

-London Fun Facts –

London Region: England
Country: United Kingdom

London by the Numbers:

- Population of London metro region 7,557,000 inhabitants
- Area of England: 12,331 sq. miles (about the size of the state of Maryland)
- Average Elevation of London: 79 ft
- Annual Rainfall: 23 inches
- Average Winter Temperature: 41 degrees F°
- Average Summer Temperature: 62 degrees F°

Quick Facts:

- Time Zone: Greenwich Mean Time Zone (GMT+/-0)
- Country Dialing Code: 44, Area Code: 020
- Currency: British Pound (GBP)
- Electricity: 220 volts @ 50Hz Type D-Three flat blades
- Major Airports: Heathrow (LHR), Stansted (STN), Gatwick (LGW), City (LCY), Luton (LTN)
- English Newspapers: The Times, Daily Telegraph, Daily Mail, and Guardian
- Principal Industries: International Business, Finance/Banking, Media Distribution
- London contains four World Heritage Sites: the Tower of London; the historic settlement of Greenwich; the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew; and the site comprising the Palace of Westminster, Westminster Abbey and St. Margaret's Church

Did You Know?

- London is the world's foremost global city alongside New York City and the largest financial center alongside New York City and Tokyo and one of the most important cultural centers.
- London hosted the 1908 and 1948 Summer Olympic Games and will host the 2012 Summer Olympic Games.
- Its history spans nearly 2,000 years, beginning with the arrival of the Romans soon after their invasion of Britain in AD 43.
- London is made up of two ancient cities which are now joined together: the city of London, known as "the City" which is the business and financial heart of the United Kingdom; and the city of Westminster, where Parliament and most of the government offices are located as well as Buckingham Palace. Together they are known as Greater London.
- Francis Bacon, philosopher; Robert Browning, poet; Geoffrey Chaucer, writer; Michael Faraday, scientist; Alfred Hitchcock, film director; and Jerry Springer, T.V. host are all from London.
- London has a wide range of peoples, cultures, and religions, and more than 300 languages are spoken within the city.
- Regional dishes include: Steak and kidney pie; Bury black pudding, made from congealed pig's blood and oatmeal and produced widely throughout the region; Lancashire Hotpot, a meat stew, probably originated in the cotton towns of Lancashire as a simple dish quickly prepared and slow cooked, similar to Irish Stew.

Places of Interest:

- The British Museum
- Buckingham Palace
- Churchill Museum & Cabinet War Rooms
- The London Dungeon
- Tate Modern
- London Transport Museum
- The Big bus Company
- Florence Nightingale
- English Heritage
- Shakespeare's Globe
- Big Ben
- The London Eye
- Madame Tussauds
- BBC Tours
- Winston Churchill's Britain at War Experience

Orientation:

- The coordinates of the nominal centre of London (traditionally considered to be the original Eleanor Cross at Charing Cross, near the junction of Trafalgar Square and Whitehall) are approximately $51^{\circ}30'29''\text{N } 00^{\circ}07'29''\text{W}$.
- Its primary geographical feature is the Thames, a navigable river which crosses the city from the south-west to the east. The Thames Valley is a floodplain surrounded by gently rolling hills including Parliament Hill, Addington Hills, and Primrose Hill.

London National Holidays:

- New Year's Day-January 1st
- Good Friday-March/April
- Easter-March/April
- Easter Monday-March/April
- May Day Bank Holiday-1st Monday in May
- Bank Holiday-Last Monday in May
- Summer bank Holiday except Scotland-Last Monday in August
- Christmas Day-December 25th
- Boxing Day (St Stephen's Day for Roman Catholics)-December 26th

SOURCES:

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London Holiday: <http://www.moveandstay.co.uk/london-holidays.php>

Places of Interest: <http://www.google.com/search?hl=en&q=places+of+interest-london&btnG=Search>

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/customs/questions/regions/london.htm>